

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
June 19, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 19, 1923, and was called to order by President Gilbert at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Nash and Stone.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 5, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The regular order of business was suspended as this was the time set for opening of bids for 500 feet of 2½ inch Fire hose as advertised.

The Pioneer Rubber Mills of San Francisco made the following bid:

Victor	\$1.10 per foot.
Guardian	.95 " "

Terms and descriptions of same were given in their proposal.

The Eureka Fire Hose Co:

Paragon	1.40
Trojan	1.20
Nonpareil Jkt	1.10
Northern "	1.10
Pacific "	.90
Specification "	.73

with terms and blank contracts.

The American Rubber Manufacturing Co:

Crackerjack	1.10
American	.95
Yosemite	.80

with terms, specifications and contracts.

The above bids were referred to the Fire Chief and Mr. Staplefeldt, at the formers request, to be reported on later in the evening.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 11, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of June 12, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 18, 1923, were read and approved as read.

A letter from D. W. Pontius, Vice President and General Manager of the Pacific Electric, to our City Engineer was read by the Clerk. The same was concerning the condition of Cabrillo Avenue between El Prado and Carson Streets, and stated that an appropriation had been requested for the improvement of said street and some definite action was expected soon; that the matter would be followed up and developments advised.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the letter be accepted and placed on file after acknowledging receipt. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, signed by President Carl Hyde, read:

"At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday afternoon, June 12th, the following motion was unanimously carried:

Motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, that the City Trustees be requested to again consider the Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce as passed at the meeting of June 5, 1923, concerning an ordinance restricting the drilling of oil within the City of Torrance as described in said Resolution, and that they give it immediate action."

The letter was tabled for the time being.

Mr. Day, Freight Traffic Manager, Pacific Electric, acknowledged receipt of our letter regarding rates on rock, gravel and sand - assuring the Board that the same was receiving careful consideration.

The letter was accepted and placed on file on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

Mr. Harry F. Gadeky's communication, on behalf of the local Chamber of Commerce, to the Board read:

"The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Tuesday afternoon, June 19, 1923, accepted your invitation to remain in their present quarters and thank you for your courtesy in offering the same without rental."

Trustee Proctor moved the above letter be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A petition specifying Willite for paving the Amapola district was submitted as follows:

"Gentlemen:

We the undersigned property owners in the district lying between the western line of Cota Street and the western line of the alley to the west of Amapola Street and extending from the northern line of Carson Street to the southern line of Dominguez Street, respectfully petition you to begin street improvement proceedings for the improvement of the roadways in said district, where not already improved, by grading the same and paving with four (4) inch Willite pavement."

It appeared that in the first petition Oil Macadam was specified, but since that time quite a number of the original signers had changed their minds and are specifying Willite. The City Engineer recommended a good paving with a solid foundation owing to the condition of the soil - being mostly wind-blown sand - which does not pack, and the difference in the price would be so small, comparatively, that it would be a mistake to use rock and oil from an economical standpoint. An Oil Macadam pavement would cost 15 or 16 ¢ per square foot, and, according to Mr. Clifford, Willite would not cost above 20¢ per square foot. It was also brought out that the Pacific Electric Land Co. had made certain contracts with their clients regarding the paving of this district; that they would carry out their obligations up to and including Oil Macadam, and it was suggested that the matter be laid over until definite arrangements or a definite understanding was arrived at as to what the P. E. would do.

The Engineer explained that the cost of the work on Cota St. would not amount to much as only three or four narrow strips across the streets would be charged to Cota, and that the same thing would be true on alley returns in the Manuel district.

Trustee Proctor moved that further proceedings in this Amapola district be halted for the present; that a meeting be held next Wednesday night, and, in the mean time, the property owners and the P. E. representatives be requested to get together and work out a definite understanding. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

On request by Mr. Vonderahe the minutes of the special meeting of June 19, 1923, were re-read.

A complaint from Mr. Hoerr that boys from 12 to 14 years of age insisted on playing ball on his lawn, thereby destroying his shrubbery, when the public ball park was only a block and one-half away, was referred to the Street, Sewer & Park committee for action.

Mr. Klusman thought the Board of Trustees ought to get busy and form an Ordinance to keep the oil wells out of the restricted district of Torrance; that he knew, personally of a \$100,000.00 building program that had been turned down on account of there being no Ordinance to prohibit oil wells from coming in and spoiling our town; that the majority of the people were in favor of an Ordinance of this kind. Mr. Klusman was referred to the Zoning Ordinance as covering this matter.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce embodying certain citations from the Zoning Ordinance covering the above matter, and also that the Clerk and the City Attorney write up a news item for the Herald showing that such an Ordinance is in effect. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

It was reported by Trustee Proctor that the City was having trouble getting or keeping good officers on the police force on account of the wages the City was paying, and moved that the salary of the whole force, excepting the Chief, be raised from \$135. to \$150. per month, effective as of June 1, 1923. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Regarding the El Prado park, Trustee Proctor intimated that he could save the City some money by doing the work by day labor, and exhibited the latest design for its improvement, asking the Board for their acceptance of the plan and for authority to go ahead with the work. To this end, Trustee Proctor moved that all bids for the improvement of said park be rejected. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Park committee be authorized to proceed immediately with the improvement of the El Prado park, but that a sum not to exceed \$1500.00 be used during the current year. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

In the matter of an Ordinance prohibiting the firing off of Fire Works before or after the 4th of July, no action was taken.

On recommendation of City Engineer Jessup, who stated that it was a great convenience - not to say necessity - for property owners making deeds, for the Assessors office, etc, to legally name the streets of the City, Attorney Briney dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 120

BE IT RESOLVED, That the names of the streets appearing on the map, presented to this Board of Trustees, under this date, be, and the same are hereby, adopted as the official names of the streets of the City of Torrance.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 120 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

It was explained that the Dominguez Land Co. was in a better condition to prepare these maps as they could do it for less money and more accurately than the City itself, and that the cost would not exceed \$125.00.

Trustee Proctor moved that the maps be procured as recommended by the Engineer. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

The City Engineer stated that he was having a hard time doing anything with Western Avenue as the rock all rolled off to the side; that, probably, hot oil would have to be procured and applied before being able to hold the street in any kind of shape at all; that a grader and sprinkler could be used there every day trying to keep the rock in the middle of the road; that the hot oil should be procured from Gilmore or some other outfit in that business as the City had no apparatus for heating

oil that was at all convenient, and that elaborate plans would have to be promulgated before we could go before the County Supervisors for permanent paving of the portion of the street in the County.

The street proceedings between 222d and Plaza del Amo ought to be speeded up, according to the Engineer, as it is getting, or will be late, if we do not decide right away what we are going to do. As to the laboratory test of the National Paving, the Engineer was satisfied, and recommended that the work proceed at once.

Attorney Briney reported that Chief Anderson wished an amendment to the traffic Ordinance prohibiting cars from being parked where the curb was painted red. Same was referred to the Ordinance committee for report at next meeting.

Fire Chief Hannebrink requested the Board to defer the awarding of a contract to furnish 500 feet of hose until the next meeting of the Board on Wednesday evening June 27th. The request was granted on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

The Fire Chief invited the members of the Board and the other City officers to attend a little feed in the new fire house next Thursday night, stating that an initiation might be pulled off.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 58

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF BEES

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 58 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Attorney Briney read;

ORDINANCE NO. 59

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 50 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 59 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO 60

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 60 be adopted as read for its final reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

In the matter of the Union Tool Co. franchise, Trustee Proctor moved that the bid be accepted and the Attorney instructed to prepare an Ordinance granting said franchise to the Union Tool Co. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 121

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SPECIFICATIONS
FOR PAVING IN PLAZA DEL AMO DISTRICT

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 121 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Attorney Briney read;

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 122
PLAZA DEL AMO AND 222D DISTRICT

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution of Intention No. 122 be adopted as read, and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Nash and Stone.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday June 27, 1923.

Albert H. Bantick
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.